

# Minister Visits Summer Camp

## *Message from Chief Secretary*

The Chief Secretary usually visits the Summer Camp at La Perouse, but this year was unable to do so owing to illness. He arranged for another member of the Government, Mr. W. M. Gollan, M.L.A., Minister Without Portfolio, to do so in his place.

Mr. Gollan met all the children and gave them the following message:—

“Mr. Kelly has asked me to tell you how very sorry he is that he was unable to come out to meet you.

I hear you have had a number of outings to the Zoo, to Luna Park, to Manly, to the Pantomime and you have seen many of the sights of this great City of Sydney. I feel sure you have enjoyed them.

Now, when you go home, I want you to remember to tell your mothers and fathers that the Government has been most happy to have had you here as our guests. We want the visit to be a constant reminder to you of the efforts being made by the Government through the Aborigines Welfare Board and the Education Department, to help you in every way we can. We want you to have the same opportunity in life as every other boy and girl in the community.

On your part you must remember also, that you must make the most of these opportunities. Everybody who wants to get on in life must work, and work hard.

So don't forget, when school starts again shortly, to learn and learn all you can and fit yourselves for the better positions in life.

You have amongst you two fine young men in Harry Penrith and George Ellis. Harry is working in a Government Department as a permanent Public Servant. I hope some day he will rise to an important position in the Public Service of this State. George is apprenticed to the Government Motor Garage where he will learn to become a skilled tradesman, and a skilled tradesman can always get a good job. These are examples right here for you to follow.

Good luck and best wishes.”

# SMOKE SIGNALS

## **FROM LA PEROUSE**

Once again La Perouse is in step with the times, meaning of course, T.V. The making of boomerangs, from the log of wood to the boomerang in the air, has been featured in television, with Bob Simms taking the leading part. Also “Joe Bud” Timbery took a part in a show as a hunter in the early days of Australia.

The crew of the “Westralia” gave a hundred children from the district a day on the boat with dinner and pictures in their club room. A good time was had by all, and the boat was still floating after the children had had the run of it; strange never the less.

The La Perouse School Football team was unbeaten this year. This team has without a doubt made a name for themselves. Let's hope the team keeps this up even though a few of the star players have left school this year.

Two girls from the Cricko team went to Queensland on tour with the State team. The people of the Reserve ran two dances to help to pay the cost for the two players, Marg Dixon and Ruth Simms. Good Work.

As Christmas time has been around, the run of Christmas parties has been on. One was given by the Mountbatten V.A.Ds. It was a good show and the children had plenty to eat and drink. A little story which arose out over the occasion was: A balloon was left hanging from the roof of the hall and one little boy said to the Commandant: “Lady, that balloon up there is not going to bust, but I am”. So it seems that he had had plenty to eat.

The highlight of the year, was the Xmas party put on by the people of the district. With funds raised from four dances, it was really a grand show and the people who ran the whole thing are to be congratulated. The women folk who set up the tables were, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Cooley, Mrs. Mary Simms, Miss Mary Simms, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Foster, and Mrs. M. Ritchie. The photos speak for themselves.

The sports were run by the menfolk: Mr. H. Stewart, Mr. Cook, Mr. J. Amatto, Mr. J. Simms, Mr. M. Cooley, and Mr. E. Foster and a grand job was done. The highlight of the afternoon was the mile marathon race. This was won by Barry Longbottom, Lorraine Longbottom second and John Longbottom third. Quite a family affair.